

Protecting Wildlife From Mining— claim marker-related mortality

What is the Issue?

- Birds and small animals getting caught in uncapped pipes
- Trapped and unable to get out of PVC pipes due to the smooth walls
- Wildlife mortality

Section 3. Section 3915 of the California Public Resources Code has the following claim marker requirements:

1. A wooden post not less than 1-1/2 inches in diameter projecting at least two feet above the ground.
2. A mound of stone projecting at least two feet above the ground.
3. A non perforated, cap metal post or solid metal rod, not less than one inch in diameter and projecting at least two feet above the ground.

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Ash-Throated Flycatcher. *Photo by Bob Steele. Used with permission.*

What can you do?

Everyone has the opportunity to get involved and help prevent future wildlife mortality by:

- Using only solid post claim markers, as required by CA Law
- Filling any open pipe with sand or rocks
- Or, cap the pipe with a larger well-fitted rocks

Contact your local BLM office to report any open pipes located on public lands.



A fence lizard and Northern Flicker Were found in a pipe. *Photo by Jeff King, Audubon CA-Kern River Preserve. Used with permission.*



For more Information:

Ask for the brochure: "Protecting Wildlife from mining claim marker-related mortality"

For more details order the Bureau of Land Management book entitled "Location and Validity of Mining Claims and Sites in California", by calling BLM at 916-978-4400. (\$15.00)

